

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD APRIL 27, 2006, 7:05 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: EDWARD SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN, DANA REINOLDT, VICE-CHARMAN, ROBERT BELMAN, PATRICIA HEALY, NANETTE KIDBY, JOHN LEDOUX, AND DOREEN PHILLIPS; AND SUPERINTENDENT JEAN S. MURRAY.**

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **AWARDS PRESENTATION (NONE)**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION – TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Representative John Colucci presented the Technology Advisory Committee's Annual Report.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Laura Dean, Hartwood, spoke regarding her disappointment with the tax rate passed by the Board of Supervisors on April 26, 2006, and expressed thanks to Ms. Reinboldt for her article in the Free Lance Star concerning the budget. She ask the School Board to fund salary increases in the FY 2007 budget.

### **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

#### **Student Matters: Discipline Committee**

Prior to the School Board meeting, a committee of the School Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee:

- Expelled Student "A" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized Student "A" to attend the Alternative Education Program.
- Expelled Student "B" from Stafford County Public Schools and authorized Student "B" to attend the Alternative Education Program.
- Affirmed and upheld the ten-day suspension of Student "C" which is to commence Friday, April 28, 2006, and also placed the student on "strict probation" for the remainder of the school year.

### **School Board Committee Reports**

Ms. Kidby reported that she participated in another meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The Committee is in the process of developing their mission statement, goals, and objectives from a questionnaire that will be distributed to the public. Peter J. Smith Company, the company assisting in developing the Comprehensive Plan, is working with staff to prepare the questionnaire to make sure it is statistically sound. Approximately 200-250 people will be completing the questionnaire and should be ready in approximately 30 days.

Chairman Sullivan reported that he attended the Commonwealth Governor's School meeting held prior to the School Board meeting. The annual review of personnel took place and contracts were renewed for the director, office manager, and technical support.

### **School Board Comments**

Dr. LeDoux commented on the tax rate passed by the Board of Supervisors. With the reduced tax rate to fund the current schools' budget request, he requested a work session to determine cuts. Dr. LeDoux stated that the School Board should take responsibility for the cuts but continue to have dialogue with the staff, at a minimum. He challenged School Board members who felt the schools did not need the entire amount of funding requested to determine cuts which would not include the firing of teachers, eliminating employee raises, discontinuation of or charges for transportation for schools, eliminating or reducing athletic programs, eliminating academic programs, or charging fees for any programs.

Ms. Healy commented on the Student Roundtable held earlier in the evening and how she enjoys the opportunity to have dialogue with students, particularly during budget cuts. Ms. Healy stated that no final decisions had been made concerning possible budget cuts.

Ms. Phillips commented on the tax rate set by the Board of Supervisors on April 26, 2006. She requested the latest status report of the Stafford County Shared Services Committee to look at additional joint services. Ms. Phillips also commented on the Student Roundtable held prior to the meeting; questioned the scheduling of a Freedom of Information Act training held earlier in the week; requested from staff a copy of the Field Trip Policy; and praised the transportation department's business cards that were printed and displayed throughout the area in their efforts to recruit bus drivers.

Mr. Belman apologized for his absence at the last School Board meeting due to illness, welcomed new Clerk of the Board Cathy Torkos, reported on the Regional JORTC challenge that took place on April 8, commented on the Student Roundtable meeting held prior to the meeting, requested a status report on the Education Foundation Committee, and expressed his appreciation and sincere thanks to Payroll and Benefits Director Lucy Maddy who is retiring July 2006.

Ms. Kidby commented on the FY 2007 budget and asked everyone to work as a unit to make the necessary reductions, and the Student Roundtable held prior to the meeting,

Vice-Chairman Reinboldt commented on the tax rate set by the Board of Supervisors. She also spoke regarding the retreats and requested suggested dates to hold the events and a volunteer to help organize the events.

Chairman Sullivan spoke regarding concerns he received that teachers were being laid off and assured constituents that this is not true at this time that teachers are being transferred to other schools due to redistricting. He also invited everyone to attend the State Skills USA Competition that will be held at the Richmond Tech Center on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. Chairman Sullivan also read a statement regarding his opinion, speaking as a School Board member and not as Chairman of the School Board, of the Board of Supervisors actions and statements made this past week about the school division's budget. He specifically addressed concerns regarding statements about the auditing process, carryover funds, and federal and state funds the schools receive. The schools are audited every year by an outside firm, 2% carryover in funds is good management and is more sound than a budget that ends in the red, and if Title I and Special Ed were fully funded by the Federal and State governments, a 16 cents difference would be made on the real estate tax rate.

#### **BUDGET WORK SESSION SCHEDULED**

It was the consensus of the School Board to schedule a Budget Work Session for 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, and 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2006. This date would meet FOIA requirements.

#### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

##### **Comments**

Dr. Murray reported that she and Dr. Doug Schuch attended the Virginia School Leaders Institute for recently appointed principals sponsored by Virginia Tech and the Western Virginia Professional Development Consortium held the evening of April 26 and the morning of April 27. They presented two sessions at this conference and were asked to present these sessions again in January upon approval of the School Board.

Dr. Murray also commented on the schools auditing process in that an audit is performed every year, as is required by law. A special audit was requested this year due to two key staff members resigning and the auditors found no issues.

Dr. Murray reported that the advisory committee process is underway for the 2006-2007 school year. Current committee members will be contacted to determine if they will be interested in serving again and ads in school newsletters and local newspapers will be placed seeking new membership applications. Information to date will be presented at the July retreat for the School Board's review and appointments will be scheduled for the School Board's meeting in August.

Dr. Murray thanked the School Board for scheduling the budget work session and asked members to contact her with any information they would like to include in the agenda prior to the work session.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the April 12, 2006 Meeting
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Overnight Field Trip Request
- D. Adoption of Textbooks: Sports Medicine, Grades 9-12
- E. Adoption of Textbooks: Health & Medical Sciences, Grades 9-12
- F. Adoption of Textbooks: Trade & Industrial Education, Grades 9-12
- G. Approval of High School Summer Camps
- H. Award of Contract: Fitness/Wellness Room Equipment - DSMS

Dr. Murray announced the appointment of Elliot Bolles as Principal at Winding Creek Elementary School and Gladys Gomez as Director of Finance and Accounting. She also announced the retirement of Payroll and Benefits Director Lucy Maddy and thanked her for her contributions to Stafford County.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Career And Technical Education 2006-2007 Local Plan - APPROVED**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY DR. LEDOUX THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE LOCAL PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Request to Purchase DSMS Desktop Computers – APPROVED**

**MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS FROM SIGMA SYSTEMS, INC., THAT ARE REQUIRED TO OUTFIT DIXON-SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL 2006 (DSMS) FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$262,250.00. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Award of Contract – Testing Services – APPROVED**

**MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTING**

CONTRACT TO TRIAD ENGINEERING IN WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,845.00 TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION TESTING SERVICES FOR THE MS2008. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Award of Contract – A/E Design Services for ES2008 – APPROVED**

MOTION MADE BY MS. KIDBY AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$926.9K TO MOSELEY ARCHITECTS OF 50 WEST MARKET STREET, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA, FOR A/E DESIGN IN SUPPORT OF ES2008. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Award of Contract – Classroom and Administration Furniture for DSMS – APPROVED**

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY DR. LEDOUX THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF FOUR (4) DELIVERY ORDERS TO EXISTING FURNITURE CONTRACTS TOTALING \$320,398.00 TO FURNISH AND INSTALL NEW SCHOOL FURNITURE AT DIXON-SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Award of Contract – Classroom and Administration Furniture for ABES – APPROVED**

MOTION MADE BY DR. LEDOUX AND SECONDED BY MS. KIDBY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF SIX (6) DELIVERY ORDERS TO EXISTING FURNITURE CONTRACTS TOTALING \$268,906.00 TO FURNISH AND INSTALL NEW SCHOOL FURNITURE AT ANTHONY BURNS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**School Education Plan for 2006-2007 – INFORMATION WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the Special Education Annual Plan. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006 meeting.

**FY 2006 Second Financial Review – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the FY 2006 Second Financial Review. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**Before-School and After-School Child Care – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the Before-School and After-School Child Care to determine whether the contract with the YMCA for Before- and After-School Child Care include the actual school usage fee, a reduced school usage fee, or no school usage fee for the 2006-07 pilot program. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**Award of Contract – Professional Consulting Services – Facility Assessment – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the Award of a professional services contract to conduct a comprehensive facility assessment of all Stafford County School District's facilities. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**Award of Contract – Professional Consulting Services – Architectural – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the award of an architectural professional consulting service (open-ended) contract. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**Award of Contract – Kitchen Hood Replacement – MES – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the award of a construction contract (delivery order) to Centennial Contractors Enterprise, Inc., of 21-A Fort Evans Road, N.E. Leesburg, Virginia for the replacement of the kitchen hood at Moncure Elementary School. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**Award of Contract – Network Operations Center HVAC and Power Upgrade – CFHS – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the award of a construction contract for the Network Operations Center (NOC) HVAC and Power Upgrade at CFHS. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**Award of Contract – Weight Room Addition – SHS – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the award of a contract to construct a weight room addition at Stafford High School. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**Redistricting of Cedar Grove Road and Cypress Lane from CFHS to MVHS –  
INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the proposed redistricting of Cedar Grove Road and Cypress Lane from CFHS to MVHS beginning in the 2006-2007 school year. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**School Calendar 2006-2007 – INFORMATION ONLY WITH ACTION ON MAY 9, 2006**

The School Board received information on the proposed 2006-2007 school calendar. Action will be requested at the May 9, 2006, meeting.

**School Calendar 2007-2008 – INFORMATION ONLY**

The School Board received information on the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar. No action was requested.

**Proposed Amendment to Regulation R7-13 Transfer Students – INFORMATION ONLY**

The School Board received information on the proposed amendment to Regulation 7-13, Transfer Students. No action was requested.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion: Mr. Belman**

**Second: Dr. LeDoux**

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 6B – Personnel Matters and 6C – Possible Acquisition of Land:

To discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia; and

To discuss the possible acquisition of real property, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia.

**VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The School Board reconvened into open session.

**Certification of Closed Meeting**

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Mr. Belman

Second: Ms. Reinboldt

VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. BELMAN, MS. HEALY, MS. KIDBY, DR. LEDOUX, AND MS. PHILLIPS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **PURCHASE OF CLIFT FARM PROPERTY – APPROVED**

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. PHILLIPS THAT THE CURRENT INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SUFFICIENT TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF THE CLIFT FARM PROPERTY AT A COST OF \$4.8 MILLION. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MR. BELMAN, MS. KIDBY, AND MS. PHILLIPS. VOTING IN OPPOSITION WERE MS. REINBOLDT, MS. HEALY, AND DR. LEDOUX. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-3.

Ms. Healy did not support the motion because dollars in excess of the needed site could be used for other purposes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.